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TAGS: PINT, MARR, NA

SUBJECT: STATUS OF DUTCH NAVAL FORCES IN NA

REF: CURACAO 258 AND PREVIOUS

HOLLAND'S P.M. DEN UYL RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE GON DECISION TO REDUCE THE DUTCH MARINE COMPLEMENT IN THE NA BY WITHDRAWING 200 MARINES. DUTCH FORCES IN THE NA HAD PREVIOUSLY CONSISTED OF 600 DUTCH MARINES AND 200 ANTILLEANS FOR TOTAL FORCE OF 800 MEN; THE FORCE IS NOW MADE UP OF 400 DUTCH AND 200 ANTILLEAN MARINES. GON HAS STATED WILLINGNESS TO HELP GNA TRAIN ITS OWN ANTILLEAN CORPS, BUT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS YET. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE GNA WILL RUSH TO ACCEPT HOLLAND'S OFFER IN THIS DIRECTION SINCE IT SMACKS OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH GNA IS TRYING TO AVOID.

COMMENT: IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GON, GNA OFFICIALS HAVE CONTINUED TO STRESS THAT EXTERNAL DEFENSE OF THE NA MUST BE GUARANTEED BY HOLLAND BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. GNA PM EVERTUZ REPORTEDLY FOUGHT STRONGLY AGAINST THE REDUCTION
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ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO HOLLAND. BOTH PM EVERTUZ AND

GOVERNOR LEITO ASKED CONGEN ABOUT US GOOD OFFICES TO
SUPPORT GNA REQUEST. COMMODORE HAMILTON, CHIEF OF
DUTCH NAVAL FORCES IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE, ALSO STRONGLY
OPPOSED THE REDUCTION THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. THE
GON DECISION APPARENTLY HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND IS FINAL.
THE GNA CAN BE EXPECTED NOW TO USE INABILITY OF NA TO
DEFEND ITSELF FROM EXTERNAL ATTACK AS ANOTHER PLOY TO FEND
OFF INDEPENDENCE.
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